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**Proposed Legislation on Immigration
and Refugee Matters**

1. Reference is made to a discussion of subject attended by representatives of Office of General Counsel; [redacted] Office of Operations, Contacts; and the Office of Security. At this discussion the Alien Affairs Staff of the Office of Security was charged with the responsibility of ascertaining the attitude of the Departments of State and Justice on a Bill introduced by Senator Hart that would make several amendments in the Immigration and Nationality Act. The two parts of this Bill that would most interest this Agency are:

a. A provision for the admission of a maximum of 50,000 refugees per annum.

b. A provision that would enable those people now in a first preference quota field to be considered as nonquota immigrants.

2. Mr. Frank Auerbach of the Visa Office of the Department of State was queried as to the attitude of the Department toward Senator Hart's Bill. He said the formal Departmental stand has not yet been taken on the Bill. He stated, however, that the Department is in favor of some of the general policies, but feels that the Bill goes beyond what is necessary to achieve its purpose. He feels that there are too many devices to achieve the same end.

3. Mr. Auerbach said that there is "not a chance" that there will be any action this year on the Hart Bill. He said

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that there is only a "weak 50-50 chance" that hearings will be held. Auerbach suggested that he be contacted once again on about 8 May 1962, and he will be able to supply some concrete data about the formal position of the Department.

4. Mr. S. B. Rawitz, Deputy Associate Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, was also queried on the proposed legislation. He advised that the attitude of Immigration and Naturalization Service will be the attitude taken by the Department of Justice. Rawitz said that the Department will probably report favorably on most all aspects of the Hart Bill. Rawitz feels that the Hart Bill will probably pass the Senate in due time and then die in the House. He emphasized that unless Congressman Walter gets behind a Bill, it has little chance of becoming a law. He pointed out that in the last ten years, no immigration legislation has gone through that has not had Walter's blessing.

5. It is anticipated that additional data will be forwarded on or about 15 May 1962.

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